**Budget Request Justification**

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Department: Ethics Across Campus

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Year to Date Expenses

Year-to-date expenses listed in this report are deceptively low for two reasons. First, several of the Ethics Across the Campus Program’s/Center for Ethics’ largest expenses will come at the very end of the fiscal year. These include: a First Year Seminar Instructors Workshop ($1000 honorarium for the facilitator, approximately $250 for the facilitator’s travel and lodging, approximately $275 in meals for workshop attendees); a meal for a 5-hour FYS 112 assessment meeting ($140 for 7 people); and my travel to the 15th Annual Communication Ethics Conference at Dusquesne University to deliver a paper on civil discourse practices implemented on MHU’s campus ($1115). All of these expenses will be incurred in early May, i.e. well after this report is due.

The second reason YTD expenses are deceptively low is that this is the first year in several years wherein the Ethics Across the Campus Program/Center for Ethics has had an acting director. In my first year directing the Center for Ethics, I have spent most of my time and attention gaining familiarity with existing programs rather than growing these programs or developing new ones. Growing existing programs and developing new ones—in ways discussed below—require more funding.

Consultant: $1300

The Center for Ethics (funded by the Ethics Across the Campus budget #) is a new entity on campus. This newness means it stands to benefit significantly from consultant services. In fall of 2018, I plan to hire Steven Benko, Assistant Professor of Religious and Ethical Studies at Meredith College, to conduct a full day of workshops on critical thinking pedagogies and to advise me on the development of ethics curricula at MHU. One workshop will be open to all instructors. Another workshop will be open only to FYS 111 and FYS 112 instructors. Dr. Benko’s honorarium is $1000. I expect his travel expenses and lodging to cost approximately $300.

Travel: $4000

Travel funds ($2000) will allow me to take a group of students on an ethics-oriented experiential learning trip. Last year, I was able to bring five MHU students to the Friends Committee on National Legislation Spring Lobby Weekend in Washington, D.C., wherein students learned to engage elected officials on immigration policy and met with their legislators’ offices. This year, I would like to take a group of students to tour the newly opened Peace and Justice Memorial in Montgomery, Alabama (which memorializes the history of lynching in the USA) and to visit other Civil Rights historical sites en route. (Last year, I was able to pay for this trip out of Fund 2 monies. This year, Dr. Boggess, VP of Academic Affairs, suggested I prioritize that activity by naming it in this Fund 1 budget proposal.)

While significantly less important than student travel funds, professional development travel funds ($2000) would allow me to attend one of two yearly conferences pertinent to the Center for Ethics’ work: The Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum (SEAC) and The Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE). SEAC disseminates new approaches in ethics pedagogy. It equips me with faculty development resources for FYS 112 instructors. APPE studies the role of ethics in various professions. Attending it equips me to design extra-curricular programs that prepare students for ethical engagement in “the world of work.”

Meals: $500

Meals will be an especially important tool next year as a means to recruit students to participate in a brand new program, the Certificate in Ethical Leadership. These funds will allow me to host student meet-and-greets or take student mentees out to lunch or coffee occasionally. I plan to spend about $200 in this way.

One of my primary tasks as Director of the Center for Ethics is equipping FYS 112 teachers—trained as sociologists, political scientists, nurse educators, teacher educators, criminal justice scholars, etc.—to teach ethics. Toward this end, I will host one multi-hour workshop per semester (I also meet regularly with instructors throughout the year for shorter time periods). Given the length of the workshops, it seems appropriate to provide lunch or dinner for the instructors, at a cost of $150 per workshop ($300 total).

Program Supplies: $3000

Next year, program expenses will grow in order to support the new Certificate in Ethical Leadership program. Expenses will include: 1) a student training weekend retreat in the early fall (approximately $1000 for housing, travel expenses, activities); and 2) a mini-grant program to support student leadership projects in the spring ($2000).

Office Supplies: $150

$300 seems more generous than necessary.